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BASHO ELLIOT, LIANE RENEE CURTISS, and MICHAEL ELLIOT FILED IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF HAWAII

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAI'I

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) CIVIL NO. CV03-00571 SOM LEK
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VS.) VERIFIED CLAIMS OF
) OWNERSHIP; AFFIDAVIT OF
SIXTEEN THOUSAND NINE) BASHO ELLIOT; AFFIDAVIT OF
HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$16,900.00)) LIANE RENEE CURTISS;
IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY;) AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL ELLIOT;
ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED) AND CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
DOLLARS (\$1,600.00) IN UNITED)
STATES CURRENCY; AND ONE)
WHITE 2003 NISSAN XTERRA)
BEARING HAWAII LICENSE)
PLATE NUMBER NBJ748 AND)
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION)
NUMBER 5N1ED28Y23C642072))
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Defendants,)
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BASHO ELLIOT; LIANE RENEE	
CURTISS AND MICHAEL ELLIOT	
)	
Claimants-Owners.	
)	,

VERIFIED CLAIMS OF OWNERSHIP

COME NOW Claimants, BASHO ELLIOT, LIANE RENEE

CURTISS and MICHAEL ELLIOT and hereby make their respective

verified claims to the Defendant property, to wit: BASHO ELLIOT, LIANE

RENEE CURTISS and MICHAEL ELLIOT claim an ownership interest in

SIXTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$16,900.00) IN

UNITED STATES CURRENCY; and BASHO ELLIOT and LIANE

RENEE CURTISS claim and ownership interest in ONE THOUSAND SIX

HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,600.00) IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY;

AND ONE WHITE 2003 NISSAN XTERRA BEARING HAWAII

LICENSE PLATE NUMBER NBJ748 AND VEHICLE

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 5N1ED28Y23C642072.

Claimants are the legal owners of said Defendant property. The declarations of Claimants, more fully describing their claims herein, are attached hereto and incorporated by reference thereto.

Their claims are made pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(4) and Rule C(6) of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims.

DATED: Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i, March__, 2004.

Claimant

LIANE RENEE CURTISS

Claimant

MICHAEL ELLIOT

Claimant

AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL ELLIOT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)) SS:
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	,
I, MICHAEL ELLIOT, being fi	irst duly sworn upon oath, having
personal knowledge, and being	competent to testify, depose and
say that:	

- I am an owner and Claimant, along with my son (1.)Basho Elliot and his girlfriend Liane Renee Curtiss, of the Defendant property SIXTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$16,900.00) IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY;
- (2.)We are the only owners of said property;
- (3.) I am relying on the following specific grounds for my demand that my interest in the Defendant property be returned to me:
 - a. The Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution, requires that the evidence supporting Plaintiff's claim not be the fruit of an

- unreasonable, unconstitutional, and illegal search and seizure;
- b. This forfeiture action is grossly disproportionate
 to the gravity of its alleged offense and would be
 constitutionally excessive; and
- c. The forfeiture of Defendant property would result
 in a violation of the Double Jeopardy and the
 Cruel and Unusual Clauses of the United States
 Constitution,
- d. The Defendant property is not forfeitable because it was neither used in connection with nor purchased with the fruit of proscribed activity.

(4.) I have read the Claim and the facts asserted therein are true and correct.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT

Dated: Los Angeles, California, MARCH 11, 2004

MICHAEL ELLIOT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Uday of March 2004.

Printed Name: BEN SPIETMAN

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 6-21-07

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the attached document was duly served, via the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the counsel of record listed below, on today's date.

RACHEL MORIYAMA
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DATED: Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i, 3/12/04.

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